

CYMEL[®] 300 resin

PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

CYMEL 300 resin is a highly methylated melamine crosslinking agent and is the purest form of hexa(methoxymethyl) melamine available in our product line. Its high degree of alkylation coupled with its high monomer content makes CYMEL 300 resin an excellent crosslinker for applications where film flexibility is a premium, such as required in some coil and can coatings.

BENEFITS

- Exceptionally fast cure response at low bake schedules in highly catalyzed systems
- Excellent balance between film flexibility and resistance properties

APPLICATION AREAS

- Coil Coatings
- Paper and textile coatings
- Printing inks

PHYSICAL PROPERTIES

Property	Range	Method
Appearance	White, waxy solid	Visual
Non-volatile by wt.	≥ 98%	Foil, 45 min/45°C
Free formaldehyde	≤ 0.25%	Sulfite Method
Color, APHA	< 70	ISO 6271

SOLUBILITY

Alcohols	Complete
Esters	Complete
Ketones	Complete
Aromatic hydrocarbons	Complete
Aliphatic hydrocarbons	Insoluble
Water	Insoluble

COMPATIBILITY

Acrylic resins	Very good
Alkyd resins	Very good
Polyester resins	Very good
Epoxy resins	Very good

BACKBONE POLYMER SELECTION

CYMEL 300 resin contains mainly methoxymethyl functional sites making it a highly effective crosslinker for backbone polymer resins containing hydroxyl, carboxyl, or amide functional groups, such as those found on alkyd, polyester, or acrylic resins. Its high monomer content and low tendency to self-condense results in films with high flexibility and formability when paired with inherently flexible polymers, such as polyester resins. The effective equivalent weight of CYMEL 300 typically ranges from 130-190, however, its optimum loading should be determined experimentally for each formulation with consideration of the performance properties to be optimized.

CATALYSIS

Because of its high extent of alkylation, CYMEL 300 resin responds best to sulfonic acid catalysts, like CYCAT[®] 4040 catalyst or CYCAT[®] 600 catalyst. Generally, 0.5 to 1.0% of CYCAT[®] 4040 catalyst on total resin solids of the formulation is sufficient to provide good cure at normal baking schedules (15-20 minutes at 120-150°C) in solvent-borne systems. Water-borne systems generally require temperatures of 150°C or higher to effect cure. Higher concentrations of catalyst might be necessary if there are basic pigments or additives present in the formulation.

FORMULATION STABILITY

The stability of formulated systems containing CYMEL 300 resin can be enhanced by the addition of primary alcohols, amines or a combination of these. Low molecular weight primary alcohols, such as ethanol and n-butanol, are most effective. Recommended amines are DMEA or 2-AMP at a concentration of 0.5-1.0% on total resin solids. Package stability can also be enhanced by the use of a blocked acid catalyst, such as CYCAT 4045 catalyst. For waterborne systems, pH should be adjusted between 7.5-8.5 to achieve optimum stability.

STORAGE STABILITY

CYMEL 300 resin has a shelf life of 5 years from the date of manufacture when stored at temperatures between 5°C and 30°C. Although lower temperatures are not detrimental to stability, its viscosity will increase, possibly making the resin difficult to pump or pour. The viscosity will reduce again on warming, but care should be taken to avoid excessive local heat, as this can cause an irreversible increase in viscosity.

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